

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 22, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2019-0154  
1912 W. 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a central, partial-width, hipped roof independent porch on ornamental wood posts; single 6:6 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

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The house was built in 1948 and was used as a rental property until around 1953, when it was purchased by Willie and Ethel B. Stewart, who lived here until around 1970s. Both Willie and Ethel worked as attendants at Austin State School. From the early 1970s at least through the 1990s, the house was owned and occupied by Will and Daveine Williams; Will Williams was a boiler operator at Austin State Hospital.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

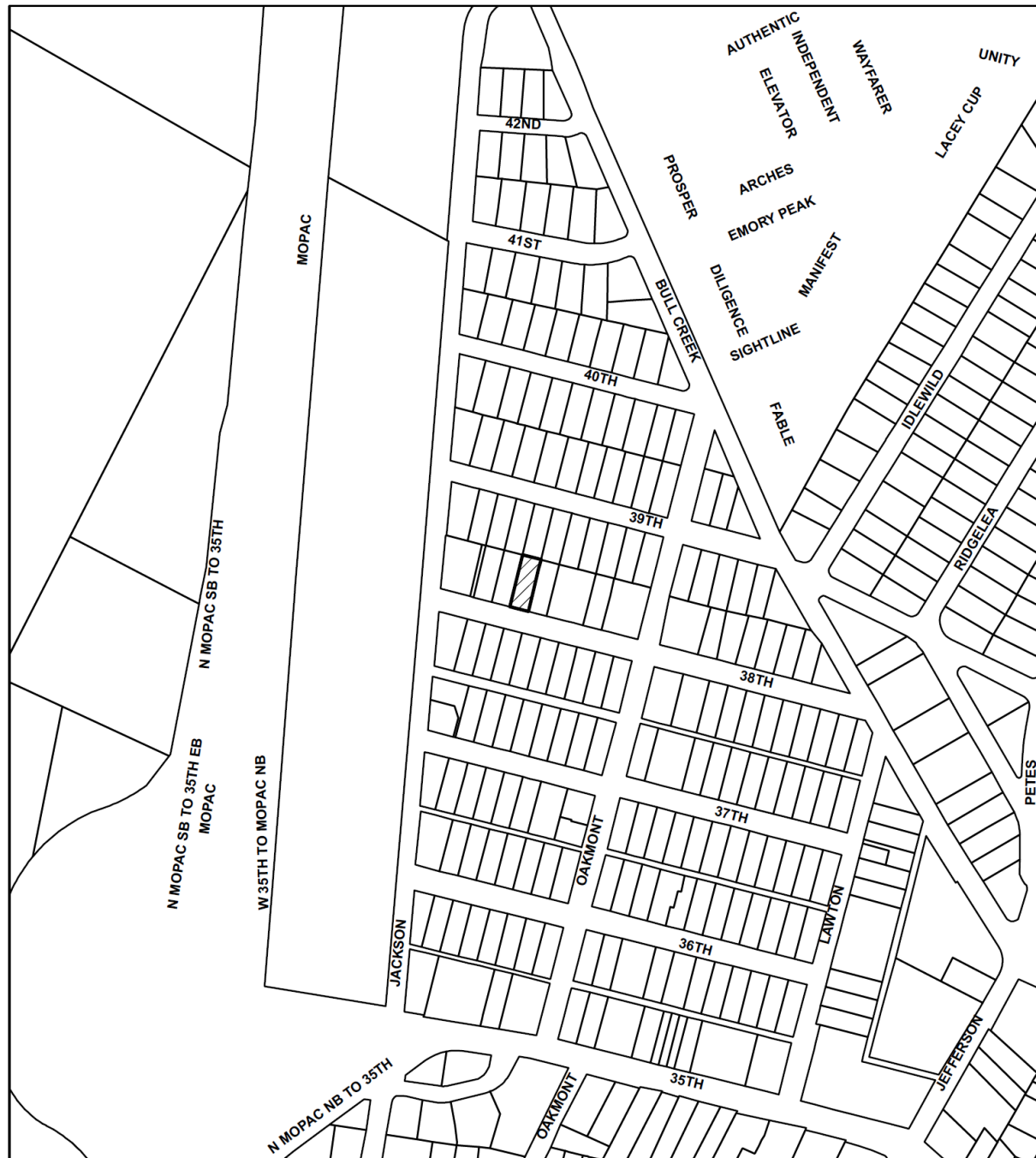
- a. **Architecture.** The house is a simple, small frame house with little architectural distinction and reflecting a common post-World War II housing style of minimal traditional styling. The house would not qualify as a landmark under the criterion for architecture, but would definitely qualify as contributing to a potential historic district in the Oakmont neighborhood.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was a rental property for the first few years of its existence, then purchased by a couple who both worked at Austin State School as attendants; there do not appear to be significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.




## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as the house retains a high degree of integrity and would be contributing to a potential historic district in the Oakmont neighborhood, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0154

LOCATION: 1912 W 38TH STREET



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1912 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1948



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 1912 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
April, 2019

1947	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: The house was built in 1948.
1949	S. Riley and Lucille C. Eldon, renters U.S. Air Force
1952	Roy O. and La Verne Stauffer, renters Roy: U.S. Army La Verne: Clerk, State Highway Department
1955	Will W. and Ethel B. Stewart, owners Will: Attendant, Austin State School Ethel: Attendant, Austin State School
1959	Will W. and Ethel Stewart, owners Attendant, Austin State School
1962	Willie W. and Ethel Stewart, owners Attendant, Austin State School
1965	Will W. and Ethel B. Stewart, owners Retired
1968	Will W. and Ethel B. Stewart, owners Retired
1973	Will E. and Daveine Williams, owners Boiler operator, Austin State Hospital
1977	Will E. and Daveine C. Williams, owners Boiler operator, Austin State Hospital
1981	Will E. and Daveine C. Williams, owners Boiler operator, Austin State Hospital
1985-86	Will E. Williams, owner No occupation listed
1992	Will E. Williams, owner Retired

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Will and Ethel Stewart (ca. 1953 – ca. 1970)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows William W. and Ethel B. Stewart as the renters of a house in on Buda Route 1 in Justice Precinct 6 of Travis County. William W. Stewart was 42, had been born

in Texas, and was a truck driver for road construction. Ethel B. Stewart was 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Hubert A., 18; and Mary A., 16. Both children had been born in Texas. The family lived in rural Lee County, Texas in 1935.

Willie Washington Stewart was living at 4504 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin at the time of his death in 1981. He was born in 1897 in Hays County, Texas and was a supervisor at the Austin State School.

**STEWART, Willie W., 83, 4504 S. Second St., died Friday. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Burial, Capital Memorial Park. Survivors: wife, ~~Ethel B. Stewart, 87, of Austin, passed away Thursday.~~ Mary Yount of Austin; son, Hubert Stewart of Austin; sister, Hester Moore of Austin; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.**

Obituary of Willie W. Stewart  
Austin American-Statesman, February 21, 1981

### **Ethel B. Stewart**

Ethel B. Stewart, 87, of Austin, passed away Thursday.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of the South First Baptist Church.

Survivors include son, Hubert Stewart; daughter, Mary Alice Yount, both of Austin; brothers, Jim Ferguson, Austin, Johnny Ferguson, Trinity; sisters, Irma Ferguson, Austin, Jessie Cleveland, Buda, Alice Mae Glass, San Antonio; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service, 10:00 AM, Saturday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, with Reverend Hubert Yount and Reverend Bobby Fletcher officiating. Burial, Capital Memorial Park.

Palibearers: Bill Yount, Bobby Yount, Alvin Stewart, Danny Stewart, Robert Stewart and Daniel Stewart. Honorary palibearers: Scott Stewart, Heath Stewart and Adam Stewart.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Ethel Stewart  
Austin American-Statesman, January 19, 1990

Mrs. I. O. Sauberan

1912 West 38th St.

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Oakmont Heights

Frame residence and garage

36584

2-11-48

\$5800.00

Owner

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Building permit for the construction of this house (1948)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		C No	896
Austin, Texas		Date 5-15-48	
Received of	L. L. MYERS		
Address	1912 W. 38		
Amount	TWENTY AND NO	20.00	
Plumber	SAME	Size of Tap	3/4"
Date of Connection	5-21-48	No. Fittings	
Size of Tap Made	3/4"	Curb Cock	1
Size Service Made	3/4"	Elbow	1
Size Main Tapped	2" CI.	St. Elbow	1
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	7.5'	Bushing	1
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock		Reducer	1
Location of Meter	CURB	Pipe	3/4"
Type of Box	LOCK	Lead Comp.	
Depth of Main in St.	30"	Nipples	
Depth of Service Line	2.5'	Union	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	38'	Plug	1
Checked by Engr. Dept.	6/22/48 - RD	Fee	1.00
		Stop	1
		Box	1
		Lid	1
		Valves	1
		Job No.	W-323-502
		Req. No.	4-1-48

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Water service permit for this address (1948)

## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 24304

Austin, Texas

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 5/15/1948  
 Address 1912 W. 38th.  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner Mr. I.O. Sauberan Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 7 Block 9 Subdivision Oakmont Hts. Plat No. 178

Date of Connection 5/22/1948  
 By City 4' e/WLL  
 By Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked By Barr  
 Size Main 6" Depth 4'  
 Main Assign. in St., 40' S/N. PL rock  
 Stub Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Prop. Line 3'  
 Stub Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Book No. B-1038  
 Paving Cut \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Fittings	Size	Price
39	Pipe 4" con	4.68
	Pipe	
	Wyes	
1	Bends	.50
	Reducers	
	Plugs	
	Sand	
	Gravel	
	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other tan saddle	.25
	12 hrs. comp	6.00
	Labor 1 hr. 1.00	1 hr. 1.00
	1 hr. 1.00	1 hr. 1.00
	32 hrs. 21.12	

Sewer service permit for this address (1948)